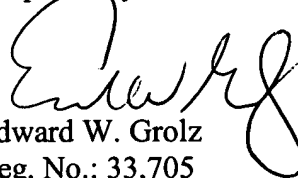


## REMARKS

The amendments submitted above have been made to delete all multiple dependent claims and to place the claims in better condition for U.S. prosecution. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered before an action on the merits is issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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